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SoCal fires calm; massive damage

Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH — Blow-torch winds that shoved wildfires through 580 homes and 113,000 acres relented Thursday, helping firefighters beat down flames as residents salvaged sooty possessions and mourned lost dreams.

Cool sea breezes replaced the desert winds that transformed 13 Pacific Coast blazes from Ventura County to the Mexican border into firestorms. A growing army of firefighters seized the chance to steadily encircle the fires.

President Clinton declared

disasters in five counties and federal agencies organized help for 25,000 displaced residents. Police hunted the arsonists responsible for some of the fires and patrolled neighborhoods to prevent looting.

Some of the fires raged out of control. Others were partially contained, but few threatened more residences.

A procession of fire refugees walked through the smoke along a coastal highway into Laguna Beach, the posh coastal resort half-gutted by a wall of flame that destroyed more than 300

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES

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homes.

Authorities blocked the Pacific Coast Highway, allowing residents to return only on foot or

bicycle. Hundreds of people abandoned their cars to make the trip.

"It's like a war zone," John McMurray said as he used a shovel to poke through debris that was once his home. "It's just total devastation. This whole neighborhood is burnt."

"We haven't been able to salvage anything," he said.

Valerie Coleman dabbed tears with a towel as she watched smoke rise from the remnants of the apartment she lost Wednesday.

"I have nothing," she said.

Cool onshore breezes signaled an end to the blustery Santa Ana condition that spawned winds gusts of over 50 mph, low humidity and 90-degree heat on Wednesday.

Firefighters on Thursday contained more than half of the 10,000-acre Laguna fire, 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Police said the cause was arson.

"Explain to me how in the name of God anybody with decent impulses would do this,"

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At Cal Poly's Sheep Unit on Wednesday, Rob Rutherford holds a lamb as members of the Huasna Valley 4-H Club of Arroyo Grande take a look / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky

A woolly development

Clinton's repeal of subsidy will impact Poly's Sheep Unit

By Amy J. Miller
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students aspiring to venture into the world of shepherding may have reason to worry these days.

Congress recently voted to eliminate the wool subsidy which for nearly 40 years has supported American wool producers.

The move could put two-thirds of wool producers out of business, according to Rob Rutherford, Cal Poly professor and supervisor of the school's sheep unit.

"It could cost California \$800 million dollars in commerce," Rutherford said. "The economic impact in California could be devastating."

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Bike lanes: Marsh St. yes, Chorro St. no

Bike committee to be commissioned

By Tracy Brant Colvin
and Silas Lyons
Daily Staff

Although still debating over whether this is the beginning or the end of bicycle improvements in San Luis Obispo, members of the City Council unanimously approved a radically modified version of the Bicycle Transportation Plan in a special session Wednesday night.

The council approved the installation of new bike lanes on one side of Marsh Street; affirmed earlier plans to install bike lanes on Johnson Avenue from French Hospital to Monterey Street; decided not to install bike lanes on Chorro Street north of downtown, and postponed voting on proposed bike lanes on Morro and Osos streets.

The Bicycle Transportation Plan has been in the midst of formation since 1985, when the Bicycle Facilities Plan was adopted.

The new plan is an at-

tempt to formulate an overall strategy towards bicycle transportation, but ardent bicycle advocates aren't quite ready to call it settled.

Due to heavy compromises, the new project doesn't quite live up to the ambitious, all encompassing bicycle master plan that advocates hoped would make San Luis Obispo one of the most biker-friendly cities in the country.

"It was a step forward, but it was a smaller step forward than I had hoped," council member Bill Roalman said Thursday. "If the council had adopted the staff recommendations, I think we would have had a really nifty bikeway. And we'll get there eventually, it just might take a little longer."

With the portions of the plan that actually were adopted, 102 curbside parking slots for cars will be eliminated across the city.

The total cost is estimated at \$2.2 million, with 60 percent of the funding coming from federal

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Bakersfield students campaign for acts of kindness

Associated Press

BAKERSFIELD — "Random acts of senseless kindness" are breaking out all over since a college professor turned frustration into a class assignment.

Chuck Wall, human relations instructor at Bakersfield College, was listening to television when the phrase "another random act of senseless violence" got stuck in his mind like a bad melody.

Inspiration struck. The result was an essay assignment and a bumper sticker: "Today, I will commit one random act of senseless KINDNESS... Will you?"

Hundreds of people in Bakersfield have bought stickers that his students

sell for \$1. A bank and a union paid to have them printed. Proceeds go to the Braille Center of Kern County.

Wall asked his students to do something out of the ordinary to help someone who wasn't expecting it, then write about it.

Shane Gautreaux, 20, bought 30 blankets at the Salvation Army and brought them to homeless people who gather under a bridge.

"After people hear that, they think, 'God, that didn't take a lot of time, it didn't take a lot of money, and if more people did something like that, just think what a nicer place the world would be,'" Gautreaux said.

Jessica Fredericksen, 41, pulled out of a parking space she had just pulled

into, waving to a motorist who appeared frantically late for an appointment. Then, Fredericksen parked in the only other available space about a half-mile away.

Todd Madison, 19, encountered a homeless father and son at a convenience store and bought them the sodas and chips they wanted.

A law enforcement association plans to put the stickers on all 113 Kern County Sheriff's patrol cars.

The "senseless kindness" idea has been broadcast from pulpits, school district offices and professional associations in Bakersfield, a city of about 200,000 people about 90 miles east of San Luis Obispo.

INSIDE TODAY'S MUSTANG DAILY



SPORTS

8 Cal Poly Mustangs wide receiver Joe Wade battles through father's tragic accident; plays the game of his dreams against Sacramento State

AGENDA OCT. 29 FRIDAY

27 school days remaining in fall quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Sunny (so bright you'll have to wear shades)

Expected high/low: 84 / 48 **Thursday's high/low:** 80 / 45

FRIDAY

- Native American Student Organization art and craft sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — U.U. Plaza
- Women's soccer at home against Cal State San Bernardino, 4:30 p.m. — tickets: 756-5806
- Men's soccer at home against Cal State San Bernardino, 7 p.m. tickets: 756-5806

WEEKEND

- Paintings by Art and Design Professor Robert Reynolds and poetry by local writer Glenna Luschei exhibited in Cal Poly's University Union Galerie — Saturday
- 12th Annual Great Pumpkin Run — Saturday / 781-7305
- 11th Annual Halloween Hoopla in Mission Plaza, 2 to 5 p.m. — Saturday
- Sierra Club Singles 5-mile hike to Cerro Alto — Saturday info: 466-7655
- Oktoberfest 4-mile Fun Run, Baywood Park — Sunday info: 528-0775

UPCOMING

- Sheriff's Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donate bicycles, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 781-4576
- Women's Studies Lunchtime Seminar, "Has Anti-Feminism Become Politically Correct?" noon — Nov. 1, Staff Dining Room B info: 756-1525
- Historian and filmmaker Dr. Rolf Steininger speaks on "Germany After Unification," 7:30 p.m. — Nov. 3, Business building, room 213
- Cal Poly Homecoming festivities — Nov. 4-7
- International Film Festival; Fremont, Mission and Palm theaters — Nov. 4-7 / 781-2777
- First day for continuing and former student CAPTURE registration for winter quarter — Nov. 5
- Last day to petition withdrawal from class — Nov. 5
- Last day to express intention to repeat class — Nov. 5
- Central Coast Business Women's Forum — Nov. 10 / 544-9313

Agenda Items: c/o Mustang Daily, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784



MUSTANG DAILY GRAPHIC

BIKE LANES: Marsh Street proposal is approved; Chorro Street lane nixed

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grants don't come through. In any case, the city will foot the other 40 percent of the bill.

One of the more controversial items the council debated called for a bike lane on Marsh Street.

The council eventually reached a compromise, cutting vehicle traffic lane widths from 12 feet to just over 9 feet and adding a bike lane on one side. They saved all parking along the busy one-way street.

The staff plan had recommended Marsh Street be reduced to two lanes of traffic with a six-foot bike lane on either side. This would have entailed removal of parking spaces downtown to give bicyclists a turning lane on cross streets.

Council member Allen Settle called the council's decision "a compromise that permits no loss of parking downtown."

Another item that drew heated discussion was the removal of parking on Chorro Street north of downtown to create a bike lane. The council voted 4-1 not to eliminate parking spaces on the street to accommodate the bike lanes.

The council also discussed an item that would have removed 85 parking spaces to create a bike lane along one

side of Broad Street. The affected area runs from Marsh Street to High Street.

In public meetings on the issue, Broad Street residents expressed little concern over the loss of parking, but the council decided to further probe their opinions before deciding to slash parking.

The council also decided to further review staff recommendations on the implementation of bike lanes on Morro and Osos streets, and to add a bike path connecting Southwood Drive and Augusta Street. The path would probably run parallel to the creek by Johnson Park.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee — created to formulate the Bicycle Transportation Plan — was disbanded upon the completion of the plan.

The council voted to approve the creation of a similar bike committee made up of seven members representing a cross-section of the community.

The council affirmed its previous decision to add bike lanes on Johnson Avenue from French Hospital to Monterey Street. The addition of bike lanes resulted in the loss of parking spaces along the 1400 block of Johnson.

"Once we have Marsh and Johnson, hopefully we'll review or revisit some of these other things," Roalman said. "Osos Street is a (major street) that we really need."

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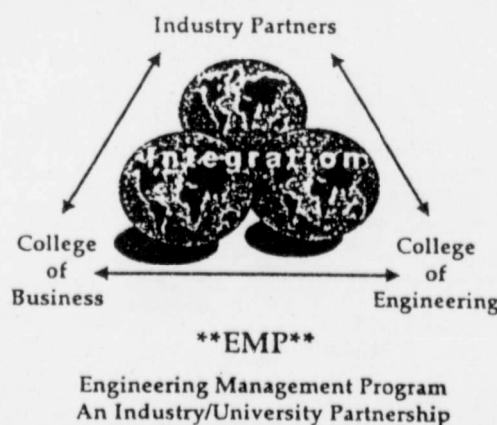
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From start to defeat, Altadena fire is a tale of tragedy

Associated Press

ALTADENA — A homeless man named Andres Huang woke up cold and shivering in a sagebrush-covered campground just up the mountain from Altadena. So he kindled a fire.

Searing winds turned his small campfire into a raging blaze that burned 5,500 acres, incinerated 115 homes and left hundreds in the same predicament as himself — homeless.

"He was cold and confused," said Sheriff's Department spokesperson Sgt. Noel Lanier. "It just got away from him and

he began running down the hills."

Authorities know only this about him: A Chinese immigrant, Huang speaks no English. He is 35 years old. Before he came to this county two months ago, he had lived somewhere in South America.

Like Mrs. O'Leary's cow, Huang's relationship to this fire is destined for infamy in Altadena. And for those whose homes were erased from the landscape, the slow process of starting over began Thursday.

Whipped by the fierce winds,

the fire raced through Eaton Canyon in this community in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The fire early Wednesday was one of the 13 blazes that destroyed nearly 600 homes and burned 113,000 acres from Ventura County, north of Los Angeles, to the U.S.-Mexican border.

From Eaton Canyon, the fire spread into the exclusive gated community Kinneola Canyon Estates and sent 26-year-old Jim Bonaccorso scrambling down another hillside.

"I woke up and heard explosions," Bonaccorso recalled Thursday, standing in the smoking embers of the homes he shared with his parents. "I thought it was power transformers bursting."

What he heard were the exploding gas tanks of his neighbors' cars. The back of his own house was on fire, and Bonaccorso, struggling out of deep sleep, realized his driveway was a wall of flame.

"I ran through my neighbor's property and fell down the hillside," he said.

Singer Yoakam loses ranch

Associated Press

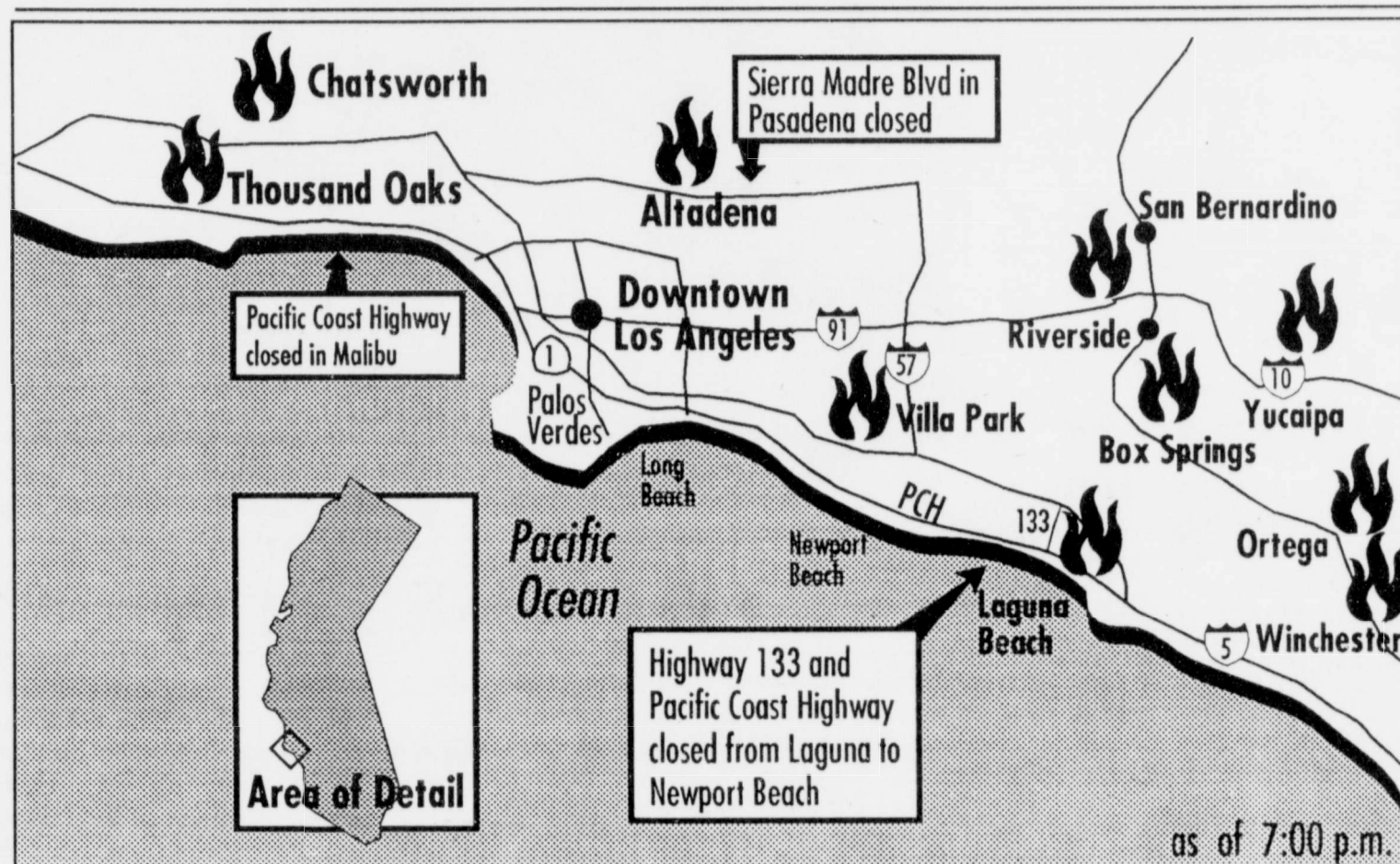
MALIBU — Country singer Dwight Yoakam's ranch on Yerba Buena Road was destroyed as flames roared down a Santa Monica Mountains canyon toward the sea.

"It's gone, but they saved his four horses," the singer's publicist, Teresa Redburn, said Thursday. The ranch burned despite valiant efforts by firefighters. "They are heroes," Redburn said.

The singer of "A Thousand Miles From Nowhere," who spends most of his time at his home in the Hollywood Hills, wasn't at his ranch at the time of the fire.

Neighboring homes owned by Jack Nicholson and Dick Clark escaped the flames Wednesday night, and ranches owned by Tom Selleck and Sophia Loren were spared when the fire raced through Hidden Valley the previous night.

Southern California Fires Still Burning



MUSTANG DAILY GRAPHIC

FIRES: Coastal winds allow firefighters to make advances, but damage already huge

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Gov. Pete Wilson said Thursday after touring the city.

Marines searched the rubble for possible victims, although there were no reports of anyone missing, said Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Dick Olson.

Arson was also suspected in a 33,111-acre fire in Ventura County that destroyed 18 structures.

A transient who set a fire while trying to keep warm was arrested in connection with a 5,500-acre blaze that torched 115

homes in Altadena.

Artist Jirayr H. Zorthian, sporting a sombrero, stood below his studio and watched helicopters drop water on his 45-acre spread in the Angeles National Forest. He and his wife, Dabney, watched helplessly as flames licked precariously close to their home.

"What can you do when you're faced with something like this?" Mrs. Zorthian said. "You just deal with it. The fear comes later."

Additional helicopters ar-

rived, dropping 300-gallon tankloads of water on the last hot spots of the Altadena fire.

"God bless you," resident Joe DiMassa whispered skyward. "God bless you."

The Angeles National Forest and all National Park Service sites in the Santa Monica Mountains were closed Thursday because of the fire threat.

In Washington, Clinton declared Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Diego counties federal disaster areas. He sent Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt to California.

About 2,130 firefighters from around the state and 600 U.S. Forest Service firefighters were summoned to the region. Gov. Wilson said 6,500 firefighters already were on the lines.

U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft joined the battle, thundering low over fire lines and spraying fire retardant like crop dusters.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Los Angeles-area fires have already caused several major road closures. As they continue, Poly students heading home for the weekend may wish to stay informed of changing road conditions and other up-to-date information.

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RECORDED INFO

— Silas Lyons

SLO SKY WATCH

Although the haze visible in the skies over San Luis Obispo on Thursday may have resembled smoke, officials from the National Weather Service said it was probably not related to the multiple fires in Los Angeles.

"If it's in distinct layers, then it could be smoke," said Dion Hamilton, a meteorologist at the Weather Service office in Oxnard. "(But) it's probably just haze."

Hamilton said driving Santa Barbara winds have blown most smoke from the Los Angeles Basin brushfires out to sea.

"The winds are mostly pushing (the smoke) southward," said Dennis Seto, a hypometeorological technician at the Oxnard office. "Your (atmospheric condition) is probably just wind kicking up some dust."

Seto said the phenomenon was probably caused by warm air near the ground trapping and concentrating airborne particles.

He said these conditions usually break up by noon, but if the general weather is cooler — as Thursday was, with a high temperature of 80 — the layer can last longer.

— Len Arends

QUOTES

"I have nothing. I have my clothes that I went to work in and one Tupperware dish because I took my lunch to work."

Valerie Coleman

Her Laguna Beach home burned down

"You could have fire trucks lined up from ocean to ocean and you can't do a thing. These guys on the equipment have to look those people in the face when they say, 'Hey, where were you when my \$1 million house burned down?'"

Merle Horst

Los Angeles County Fire Department

"We're happy for one thing. My baby here. Everything else can be replaced, right? Everything except this. That's what's most important."

Gerry Bonaccorso

Her home was destroyed

"It's not hard to sleep on concrete when you're extremely tired."

Jeff Genoway

Orange County firefighter

— Associated Press

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Amy COVEY Car sex: Not just for prom night anymore

These days, if you are going to have sex, it needs to be safe. Perhaps the safest sex you could have — believe it or not — is car sex.

But, just what is car sex?

Imagine this scenario, as our subject experiences car sex for the first time:

Mathilda Wartbonker is cruising 101 on her way home from an average day working for the Central Coast's most prestigious tattoo parlor. She is pondering the naked lady she skillfully carved on her last customer's butt when she catches a glimpse of an open-air Jeep Wrangler in her rear-view mirror.

It's not necessarily the Jeep that catches her eye, but the hunk inside the vehicle. His physique ripples with golden-brown muscles, barely covered by his tank top and shorts. His dark hair is tossed about by the wind.

As he pulls up next to her, he glances into her car. Eye contact is achieved and the fun begins...

Impressed by what he sees, the stud raises an eyebrow and flashes a seductive smile. Miss Wartbonker humbly accepts and — while she is careful to watch the road — offers one of her own. Thus begins a session of "car sex."

There are many different types of car sex.

Sometimes, there is simply an exchange of smiles, but the drivers go on their separate ways. I would classify this kind of car sex as a "quickie."

Others prefer to coo sweet terms of endearment to each other via car phones. I guess you'd call this "oral car sex."

Still others may go as far as exchanging home telephone numbers and addresses by any means that won't result in a crash on the roadway. Good car sex, after all, requires a great deal of precaution to keep it safe.

Because of the transitory nature of car sex, I think people may have less inhibitions when flirting in a car.

Since there are no strings attached, a motorist could blow kisses and mouth sweet nothings as much as he pleases to a person he doesn't find remotely attractive. That person's friends wouldn't find out about the encounter or his taste in car-sex partners.

Why would anyone want to do this? It's entertaining!

But should a person who witnesses all this car sex be considered a voyeur? Hmmm.

A man in a mid-life crisis may tend to have a great deal of car sex. A balding gent might, for example, remain in the rear-view mirror of that young lady driving in front of him, giving her his best flirtatious smile. She may even be a bit flattered and smile at him.

But when he pulls up next to her for that "my place or yours" line, she speeds off, leaving him with his stick shift in hand.

Regardless of the method used or the people involved, I would say that car sex could be the safest sex around today.

For one thing, you don't have to worry about your car-sex partner's previous experiences. Also, there are no known sexually transmitted diseases linked to car sex. Furthermore, from my knowledge of "the birds and the bees," there's no need for birth control.

Of course as in any sexual situation, protection must be used — don't forget to watch the road. Safety first!

So, keep in mind the do's and don'ts of car sex, as Mathilda and her stud (remember them?) continue along the highway together. Finally, Mathilda manages to give Biff her phone number and he exits the freeway.

Mathilda has a few miles to go, so she lights a cigarette and basks in the afterglow while wondering what the naked lady tattoo would look like on the hunk's butt.

LETTERS

Bikers want more understanding from drivers



Stop 'us versus them' mentality

Re: "Endangered" bicyclists endanger pedestrians," Letters, 10/26

It's time to get to the bottom of this whole bicyclist controversy.

Every time I hear about cycling in San Luis Obispo, the discussion somehow turns into an "us-versus-them" argument. First it was drivers vs. cyclists, now it's pedestrians versus cyclists.

People who ride bikes for transportation should be accommodated just as much as those who drive cars — it's that simple!

Anyone who actually rides in SLO knows how dangerous it is — I'm sick and tired of all the BS from

"Those 'no bicycle' signs are not working — in part because they deny that the problem of access for bikes exists."

people who drive their cars and know nothing about riding on streets without bike lanes.

What's wrong with putting some bike lanes in this town? It's about time!

People who ride their bikes to Cal Poly know that the campus has serious problems regarding access and safety. Let's address these problems — not argue "us vs. them" all over again.

Why is it people like (letter writer) Mr. Jennings try to deny that a problem exists?

Those "no bicycle" signs are not working — in part because they deny that the problem of access for bikes exists. This problem *does* exist, and it's not going away — so let's fix it and not put up a stupid sign.

I guess Mr. Jennings' problem-solving exercise hasn't worked out too well, because that sidewalk is as dangerous as ever.

Cars run stop signs, but we don't condemn all drivers. Mr. Jennings' claim that 11 out of 10 cyclists run stop signs is absurd!

Let's stop pretending that people who don't ride bikes should hate people who do ride bikes. Let's share the road and the Cal Poly campus — cyclists, cars and pedestrians.

And for those of you who ride recklessly as Mr. Jennings described — and you know who you are — you're giving cyclists a bad reputation in this town.

Tom Kirk
Forestry and natural resources management senior

Lack of facilities makes it hard for bikers to ride safe

Re: "Endangered" bicyclists endanger pedestrians," Letters, 10/26

I agree with Chuck Jennings when he states that bicyclists shouldn't go where signs say "no bikes." By the

same token, shouldn't pedestrians stay out of the bike lane?

Unfortunately, a heavily-used lane — the big green one on Via Carta — isn't used anymore.

Also: Who put bike racks near the northwest corner of the architecture building without a convenient and safe way for bicyclists to get there?

As far as the rest of his commentary is concerned, he seems to be saying that just because certain bicyclists are riding recklessly, those of us who do ride safely don't have any right to safe and convenient facilities.

Does this mean that because most people speed on the freeway they have no right to a safely-designed freeway?

Jennings notices cyclists running stop signs, but does he notice all the "California stops" that cars make? Many cars run stop signs as fast as bicycles, and they can't see or hear traffic as well.

When is the last time you saw a car's wheels stop fully at a stop sign where there is no traffic? All a driver has to do is step on a brake — a bicyclist has to turn all of his hard-earned momentum into useless heat, then generate it all over again.

Obviously, we are going to give up as little momentum as possible. However, when there is traffic, bicyclists are foolish for running stop signs!

Oh yeah, you said I get to drive your car for a week, Chuck. (NOT! And waste my money on gas?)

Gregory Reis
Forestry and natural resources management senior

It's time to paint the bike lane

Won't anyone paint that damned bike lane on Via Carta road — the green one that runs through campus?

James Malloy
Political science senior

LETTERS POLICY

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On the offensive



Alex Iversen (in vest) casts a devilish smile as he guts a pumpkin on Wednesday at the Children's Center's annual pumpkin carving. John Tennant, at right, digs in / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky

SHEEP: Poly will lose its wool subsidy; sheepherders uncertain of effect

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He said 25 percent of America's 10 million sheep are raised and have their wool processed in California.

The exact effects of the subsidy's removal on the sheep unit's future are hard to predict, Rutherford said.

But animal science senior Al Scafani, also the shepherd at the sheep unit, had some of his own theories.

"A lot of those people buying our bucks for breeding could go out of business," Scafani said. And losing that money will be far more damaging than losing the subsidy check, he said.

He said the subsidy check is one-third of commercial wool producers' income.

The sheep raised on campus are pure-bred, according to Scafani. He said that the 100 black-faced sheep Cal Poly has are generally raised for their meat. The 100 white-faced sheep on campus are generally raised for their fine wool.

"The only time you have a pure-bred operation is to produce male sheep for breeding," Scafani said.

Cal Poly's subsidy checks go toward supplies and running the Serrano Project, Scafani said.

The Serrano Project sends

animal science students to Serrano Ranch, located out past Poly Canyon, to learn the handling of cross-bred ewes.

"They try to assimilate a commercial atmosphere," Scafani said. He said commercial sheepherders use cross-bred sheep to produce more quality sheep for wool and meat.

Rutherford said the good thing about losing Cal Poly's \$1,500 annual subsidy is that the government can no longer set conditions.

"There could be a little bit of a silver lining," he said, adding it may be a good opportunity for students to break away from past production practices.

"It will open doors for those ready for change," Rutherford said.

Rutherford also said government subsidies sometimes caused inferior products to be produced.

"The subsidies caused a lot of extra-fat lambs," he said. "(In the future,) we'll come out with a better product."

Rutherford said the political intrigue involved in getting rid of the wool subsidy was "incredible."

He said that Sen. Richard H. Bryan (D-Nev.), who opposed the wool subsidy in Congress, made

what Rutherford calls "a sleazy move" in the process of cutting the subsidy.

"He waited until Monday during noon recess to bring up cutting the Wool Act," Rutherford said.

And Bryan's proposal, made when few senators were present, therefore received little opposition. The phase-out of the subsidy began Oct. 15, with complete elimination by 1996.

"It was the most intriguing political confrontation since LBJ's time," Rutherford said. "There was a lot of back-room trading."

He said he has not yet figured out why this issue has become a political target. "Al Gore pulled the Wool Act out with no prior warning that it was in jeopardy," he said.

Although commonly perceived as a cost-cutting measure, Rutherford said he believes the removal of the subsidy won't save money.

"This program doesn't save taxpayers money," Rutherford said. "The money to fund (the wool subsidies) came from tariffs ... The government is going to continue charging tariffs. It's just trying to raise money. The health care program will cost a lot."

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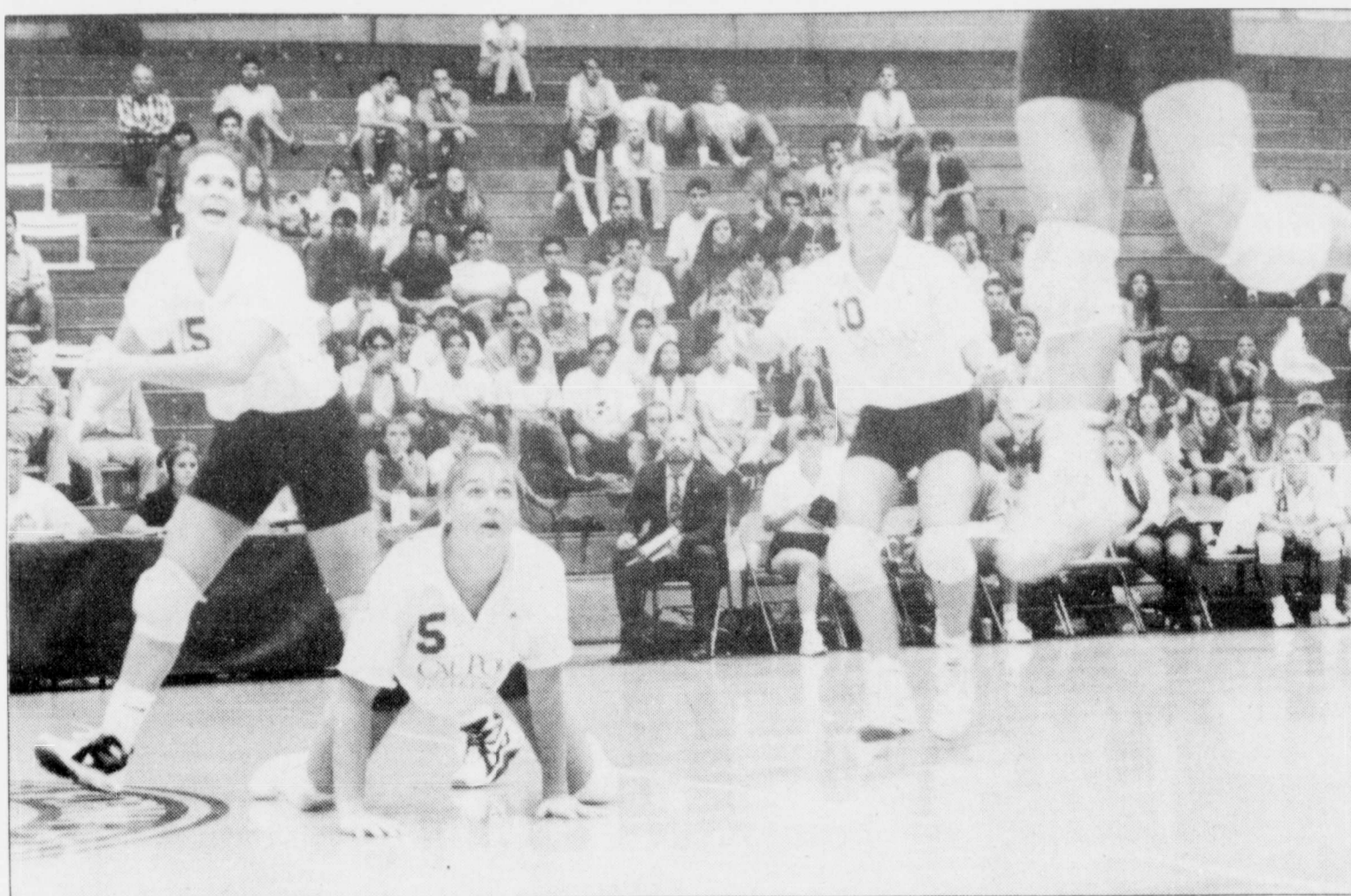
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Cal Poly rose above themselves and took a game from No. 3-ranked UCSB / Daily photo by Elaine Taylor

Volleyball snags a game from UCSB

By Kristi Rampoldi
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team suffered its fifth consecutive defeat at the hands of UC-Santa Barbara (20-2) Tuesday evening before a crowd of 450 at Mott Gym.

The Mustangs dropped the first two games 7-15, 6-15, came back to win the third 17-15, but quickly lost the fourth game 2-15.

Cal Poly coach Craig Cummings said even though the Mustangs lost, he was very proud of how they played. "They gave it everything they had," Cummings said. "UC-Santa Barbara is a very good team."

Third-ranked in the nation, UC-Santa Barbara topped second-ranked Long Beach State last week for the Big West pole

position.

Cummings said the Mustangs played hard the first three games, but ran out of gas in the fourth.

"That's why they (UC-Santa Barbara) are so good," he said, referring to the rival's greater stamina.

Cummings said throughout the match the Mustangs had a good team attitude. "They were really supportive of one another," he said.

Freshman outside hitter Trisha Pollara said the team played well. "We worked hard," she said. "It just didn't happen for us."

Cal Poly out-dug the Gauchos 92 digs to 66. Senior setter Alison Wool led the team with 18 digs, while senior defensive specialist Tiffany Mac Lennan helped with 14.

Cummings said Wool did a great job filling in for junior setter Carrie Bartkoski, who suffered a sprained finger Saturday.

"We're really fortunate as a team to have someone of (Wool's) ability to step in," Cummings said.

Junior outside hitter Meygan Androvich led the team in kills with 13, while sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Kaylor followed close with 12.

Junior middle blocker Natalie Silliman helped the defense with 5 blocks.

The Mustangs will play their sixth straight game at home when they take on Nevada-Reno Saturday. The match starts at 7:30 p.m. in Mott Gym and will be the last home game until Nov. 19, when Cal Poly takes on Cal State Northridge.

WADE: Wide receiver's successful season has him thinking NFL or CFL

From page 8

Wade said the first few days after his father's accident were tough for him, his mother and his older sister, Jennifer.

"We're taking it day by day," he said.

He said he was glad he was able to play the way he did against Sacramento State.

"I knew (my father) wanted me to play," he said. "He's given so much to me that I'm forever in his debt. Playing football, well, just gives it back a little."

Wade said he would like to break the touchdown catch record at Cal Poly. He also would love to go to the playoffs.

"We're still ranked 18th," Wade said. "We play (fifth-ranked) Portland State this week. They are just a bunch of guys like us. We have to perform against Portland State."

Wade has developed a reputation as a tough competitor. Despite his slender frame, he holds records as an all-league receiver both at Canyon High and at Glendale Junior College.

The Mustangs have shown an explosion of points this season, averaging 39.4 points per game, sixth best in Division II football.

And Wade has been very significant to the offense's increase in point productivity.

After leading the team last year in receptions, Wade is back at the top of the receiving standings again this season.

Some big schools showed interest in him out of junior college, chief among them Memphis State and University of Oregon.

"I was looking to get out of

Glendale to play spring ball," Wade said. "I had visited Cal Poly and loved the campus. I knew their academics were top-notch."

So he walked onto campus in the spring of 1992. He won a starting job during the 1992 season.

Against Sacramento State last year, Wade separated his shoulder and had to miss three games. Still, when the season ended, he led the team with 27 receptions and 383 yards.

The injury bug hasn't bitten him this season, though it has depleted depth in other areas of the team. Still, thanks to early season blowouts, Wade has not been needed to play four second halves this season.

Despite the time off, he is second in the American West Conference in receptions.

"Joe has a knack for laying out for the ball," said offensive coordinator John Pettas. "He's not a true fast guy, but he has deceptive speed and a burst off the ball to get by defenders."

Pettas also notes that in every game this season, Wade has out-matched the opposing defensive backs.

"We can count on him to be a big playmaker," Pettas said.

Wade said much credit for his success goes to quarterback Mike Fisher, one of his roommates this year.

"Fish and I just kind of clicked," Wade said. "Mike's great. He puts everything on the money."

Wade said he would like to move to the next level after his tenure at Cal Poly, whether it be in the NFL or the Canadian

"I knew (my father) wanted me to play. He's given so much to me that I'm forever in his debt. Playing football, well, just gives it back a little."

Joe Wade
Senior wide receiver

Football League.

"I just want a shot to see how I can compete with them," he said.

Pettas uses former Cal Poly receiver Chris Thomas, who is with the San Diego Chargers developmental squad, as an example of Wade's prospects.

"Chris (Thomas) is a little bigger and faster than Joe is," Pettas said. "But with all the big plays he has made for us, I would never rule out Joe."

Wade, a biology senior, said he is also interested in becoming a chiropractor.

"I (was injured) in a JC game, and went to a chiropractor," he said. "(I) thought I would never play again, and the guy had me back playing by the next week."

For now, Wade is looking forward to the rest of the football season — and, he hopes, the playoffs.

He sums up his career at Cal Poly simply: "I'm enjoying it."

In firestorm's eye, firefighters forced to make heart-rending decisions

Associated Press

ALTADENA — It was triage with a hose, and many of the patients perished — nearly 600 homes were lost to flames.

For all the heroics of firefighters against the wildfire swarm, all they had to show for it Thursday were tiny victories in a sea of defeats.

"You're fighting a first fight with your hands cuffed," said Merie Horst, an engineer with the Los Angeles County fire department, as the charred remains of 115 homes crackled in the morning haze not far away.

"You could have fire trucks lined up from ocean to ocean and you can't do a thing. These guys on the equipment have to look those people in the face when they say, 'Hey, where were you when my \$1 million house burned down?'"

In an instant, firefighters were forced to become judge and jury: Deciding alone which homes might be spared, which were condemned to certain destruction.

Wednesday's firestorms stretched from Ventura County to the Mexican border and stretched firefighting forces to the maximum. Thirteen major blazes charred over 100,000 acres and nearly 600 homes.

The staggering array of wildfires gave the crews mere minutes to mount desperate campaigns against churning walls of heat. Engine companies made snap decisions to try to save some properties while ignoring others.

"You are thinking so fast you don't have time to sit back and take it all in," said Joe Kerr, a captain with the Orange County Fire Department. "With all the tragedy, not having a life lost, that is one

up."

There would have been a death toll if it hadn't been for fearless stands.

"There were some very big efforts in this fire. They (firefighters) made the save of their careers in there. It was incredible," said Wayne Ferber, a spokesman for the Ventura County Fire Department.

Firefighters were burdened by winds gusting over 50 mph, parched brush, wood shake roofs and a lack of water.

In Altadena, one inventive fire crew drove their truck through a fence and a neatly trimmed hedge to drain a fancy swimming pool to fill their hoses.

They were able to save one house using the pool's water.

To the west in Malibu, firefighters waged a successful battle on Pacific Coast

Highway early Thursday — lining up to face flames head-on the fire roared out of the mountains toward 23 beachfront homes.

Along with the handful of saves, however, came an array of losses.

Scattered across huge swaths of Southern California, more than 6,500 firefighters were all too often overrun by the wind-driven flames.

"It's starting to turn on us!" was the radio call from a fire crew on Lilac Lane in Chatsworth when a coil of fire set upon them as they labored to protect a mansion and adjacent homes Wednesday morning.

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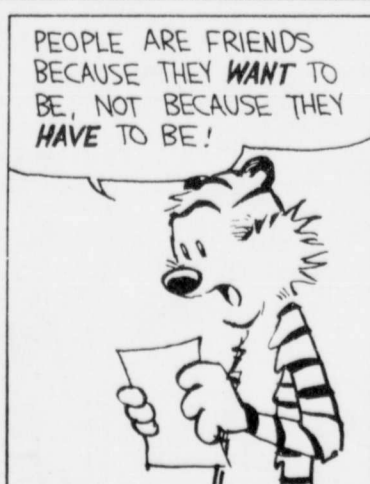
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WADE DOWN BY HEAVY THOUGHTS

*Cal Poly wide receiver still shines
despite his father's recent paralysis*

By Jeffrey Jen
Daily Staff Writer

People always called Joe Wade too small or too slow for football.

But the 170-pound senior split end for Cal Poly has shown the skeptics that size and speed aren't everything on the gridiron.

In seven games, Wade has caught 28 passes for 508 yards and eight touchdowns. He is one touchdown catch shy of the school record held by Robbie Martin in 1980.

Last Saturday against Sacramento State, Wade played a dream game. He caught 11 passes for 203 yards and tied a school record with three touchdown receptions.

His weekend success served as tribute and counterpoint to the events leading up

to the game.

Wade's hopes for the game of his life were nearly shattered last Friday morning when he found out his father had been seriously injured in an automobile accident.

The elder Wade, who coaches at Canyon High School in Canyon Country, was returning home from a high school football game when the accident occurred.

After surgery this week, doctors said his legs would be paralyzed permanently. He has, however, regained the use of his arms and can feel pressure in his legs.

Joe Wade left San Luis Obispo at midnight last Friday to be at his father's side. By 4 a.m. on Saturday, he was at the hospital. But his stay with his father was short.

"I left at 7 (a.m.) and drove back to be in the game," Wade said.



Senior wide receiver Joe Wade practices for a big showdown Saturday against Portland State despite facing tremendous adversity / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Returning after a quick, emotionally exhausting trip, Wade promptly re-focused and picked apart the Hornet secondary. Although he played the game of his career, the Mustangs eventually lost, 35-33.

"Joe played extremely well under tough circumstances," said head coach Lyle Setencich. "He was able to execute on certain plays we called for him."

As for Wade, the game is a blur. "I don't remember the game," Wade said. "I got about two hours of sleep. All I know was that I was kind of (upset about) getting so little sleep. Their (defensive backs) were talking a lot, too."

He said his father has been a big influence in his life.

The two are as close as they can get, Wade said. "He just keeps pushing me. He's kept me here financially."

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Poly football takes on No. 5

Coach says win would
rekindle playoff hopes

By Alex P. Ramos
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly football team hopes to keep its playoff bid alive on Saturday, as it travels to Portland State for a crucial evening game at the astroturfed Portland Civic Stadium.

The Mustangs (5-2 overall and 1-2 in American West Conference play), ranked 18th in a recent NCAA Division II poll, must overcome the fifth-ranked Vikings (5-2) to maintain a chance at a berth in the Division II national playoffs.

"Portland State is always the most talented Division II team on the West Coast," Cal Poly head coach Lyle Setencich said.

Portland State Sports Director Larry Sellars sees the weekend matchup as a tough one.

"It's a very important game in the west region," Sellars said. "Cal Poly is greatly improved this year, with a tremendous offense and outstanding defense."

Last year, Portland State handed the Mustangs a 31-45 loss in the final game of the season. The Vikings have won five of the last six meetings, but the Mustangs hold an 8-7 edge in the all-time series.

"They're a good football team this year," said Cal Poly offensive coordinator John Pettas. "They've been scoring a lot of points this year."

Pettas said this weekend's game is very important from a playoff standpoint.

"The top 16 teams go (to the tournament)," Pettas said. "We always play well in Portland, and we're looking forward to this one to push ourselves into the playoff picture."

Setencich said the Mustangs will focus on several Portland positions.

"They're a very good team athletically," Setencich said. "Their quarterback (senior Bill Matos) is a really good player."

He also said the defensive focus is on wide receivers James Jessie and Sean Williams and tight end Tom Lyons.

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Men's soccer captures first CCAA title, expects bid into Division II playoffs

By Tracy Brant Colvin
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's men's soccer team clinched its first-ever California Collegiate Athletic Association league title Wednesday with an away win, 1-0, against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said the league championship was overdue. "It is overdue and deserved," he said, "it is great for the seniors."

"We have knocked on the door, but always finished runner-up or close."

The Mustangs won the CCAA title for the first time in his 13-year stint as head coach. They also take the championship in the final year they will play in the Division II conference.

The soccer team moves with the other Cal Poly sports to Division I next year.

Gartner said going out on top of the CCAA helps the team adjust to Division I. It gives the players more

confidence, he said.

The conference championship will also give the Mustangs confidence when they enter NCAA Division II playoffs — a probable, according to Gartner.

Cal Poly did not earn an automatic bid with the CCAA title, but Gartner said it would be a "bizarre circumstance" if the NCAA did not invite Cal Poly to postseason action.

Gartner said the Mustangs had to fight hard to earn Wednesday's win.

"Traditionally Dominguez (Hills) is tough to play," Gartner said.

The win moved Cal Poly's record to 7-0-2, in the CCAA and 11-4-2, overall. "We have played a tough schedule this year," he said. "I think we are the best Division II team on the West Coast."

The lone goal of Wednesday's game came two minutes into the second half when senior midfielder Rich Kubec came up with a loose ball deep in the Toro

zone. Kubec put the ball just inside the goalpost for his third goal of the season.

That left it up to the defense.

"Our defense continues to play tough," Kubec said. He singled out senior defender Dan Fish and senior forward Mike Black as examples.

Junior goalkeeper Travis Beene recorded another shutout, running his season total to 11.

"We have only allowed one goal in league play, and I think that is amazing," Gartner said.

The Mustangs continue to win without their leading scorers, senior midfielder Mike Nelson and junior forward Ryshiem Henderson, who continue to recuperate from injuries. They should be ready for postseason play if the Mustangs receive a bid, Gartner said.

The Mustangs closeout league play 7 p.m. Friday at Mustang Stadium against Cal State San Bernardino.

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PORTLAND ST: They have got every good Division II player in the West. Cal Poly is crazy for playing them.
DALLAS: Bubby.
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CAL POLY: Mustangs will pull another Southern Utah.
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